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THE REPLY FILED 23 May 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☐ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: _____.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

/Stephen S. Hong/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2178

Continuation of 11, does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant argues on pages 7 and 8 of the amendment after-final that Denning fails to teach or suggest the features of the independent claims. More specifically, applicant states the reference fails to teach or suggest 'bulk remediation of a quality problem across disparate items, the bulk remediation includes at least one of modifying or updating content of the one or more items. As presently claimed, the Examiner need only find a suggestion of correction to one item. The correction could include either updating content of the one item or a modification of the one item. The alternative language found within the limitation of the claim as well as the broad nature of the phrase 'updating content' or 'modifying content' of the item, allowed the Examiner to utilize the reference to Denning to teach a similar method for correcting problems with items. The reference discloses a number of user inputs using various web page interfaces, system ensures users upload standardized inspection data to the database and thereby facilitates reducing variations between various user inspections and repair facilities. Corrective actions are entered by users and metrics are entered by users which provide internal goals representing accomplishments. Metrics are used to track the progress of nonconforming components through management system. A user could enter criteria for metrics. The reference to Denning discloses a means for entering and applying metrics to items to facilitate interactive quality assessments of the items and corrective actions to of problems to different items. See page 4, [0039 through 0047] Regarding independent claim 20, applicant states that the reference to Denning fails to teach automatically deploying positive of the quality actions that exceed a predetermined threshold to other topics or automatically applying a corrective action related to the quality actions that are lower than a predetermined threshold to other topics. No language could be found in independent claim 20 that describes what strengths and deficiencies are, other than some type of analysis of items. The following limitation states that the process is repeated however and again, fails to disclose what is meant by strengths and weaknesses. The reference to Denning discloses a means of entering and tracking metrics which inherently points to strengths and weaknesses in items. It is this process which could be repeated for multiple items that is disclosed in the reference to Denning and utilized to provide the teaching of determining strengths and deficiencies, as presently claimed.